

Stop in and see the Spring Styles of BRACELETS!

Odd and pretty patterns in EAR RINGS,
LACE PINS,

JERSEY PINS!

and all the newest things in the market.

We have a handsome line of

FANCY CANES!

with Silver, Ivory and Copper mountings.

YOUNG MEN, SEE THEM.

O'TO E. CURTIS & CO.

April 8th

Order Your Bread

PIES AND CAKES,

OF

BREWER.

Special attention paid to fine ORNAMENTED
WEDDING CAKES.

BREWER, the BAKER,

211 North Main-St., Decatur, Ill.

Jan. 17, 1884. d&wtf

BEANS! BEANS!!

GUESS! GUESS!!

We today place on exhibition at our store a glass globe filled with beans, and to the end of the month the best guess at the number of beans in said globe will offer the following prizes:

BEST GUESS.

1 No 38 Champion Monitor Cooking Stove.

SECOND BEST GUESS.

1 No. 8-18 Family Garland Cook Stove.

THIRD BEST GUESS.

1 Novelty Clothes Wringer.

FOURTH BEST GUESS.

1 Ladies' Friend Carpet Sweeper.

Customers are entitled to one guess for each dollar's worth of goods purchased and paid for between April 1st and December 31st, 1884. The sum commuted that finds the globe will award the prizes; we have nothing to do with the counting. Read the certificate of the committee:

We, the undersigned, have deposited a quantity of beans in a glass globe, on exhibition at the hardware store of Ferguson & Dillehant, this city, have securely sealed the globe, and have no knowledge of the number of beans contained therein.

D. S. SHELLABARGER, of D. S. Shellabarger & Co., Millers.

J. A. FREEMAN, of Freeman Bros., Boots and Shoes.

F. L. HAYS, of F. L. Hays & Co., Dry Goods.

Decatur, Ill., April 1, 1884.

Besides the above inducement to trade with us, we offer you good goods at bottom prices and a full appreciation of your custom. We have largely increased our stock of General Hardware, and have the largest assortment of Stoves in the country. Give us a call.

FERGUSON & DILLEHANT,

125 North Water Street.

April 1, 1884. d&wtf

S. G. HATCH & BRO.

Are offering Special and Unprecedented Bargains
in a new line of

Ladies' Muslin Underwear!

Just received from the factory in Rochester, N. Y. The best goods and the lowest prices ever offered in this city. Inspection solicited.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,
148 East Main St., Powers' Block.

April 8th



The above cut represents the celebrated "Novelty" Baby Carriage, for sale ONLY by E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO. April 8th

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 11, 1884

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

UNTIL further notice our price on 1847 Rogers Bros. knives is \$2.50 a dozen, or \$1.25 a set. E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO.

NEXT comes Rev. Joseph Cook.

S. S. TEACHERS' meeting in the Y. M. C. A. room this evening.

THE frames for the new dwellings for C. O. Judson and Andy Dunston are up. CAPT. ROWELL will be our next congressman.

BEFORE buying wall paper, examine our stock of foreign goods. ABBEY & LOEWE.

DEAL with Niedermeyer on the mound, and get good groceries at low figures.

STYLISH harness made to order by J. W. Tyler, Jr.

THIS is Good Friday. Special services are being held at the Episcopal, Catholic and Lutheran churches.

See what J. W. Baker says in regard to wavy advertisers. a&wtf

Two tongas were run in last night by the depot police. They are booked for disorderly conduct.

THE "5 Queens" are coming.

SEE Warren & Durfee's advertisement on the first page of this paper. 119&wtf

THOMAS BROWN has moved his office from Hoad & Co.'s to the first room over the postoffice, first door to the right.

STOR at C. B. Prescott's, in opera block, and examine those elegant Haines Bros. pianos. All first class.

SAN LEE, 130 North Water street—machine ironed shirts, 10 cents, collars 3 cents, cuffs 5 cents per pair. 100-112

600 PAIRS Kid Gloves at 50 cents. Nothing to equal them at that price.

April 11—d&wtf LINN & SCRUGGS.

TO NIGHT Mrs. Simpson will commence a series of temperance lectures at the tabernacle.

WAIT for the big show. The "5 Queens" will be here in a few days.

VOLTAINE, the celebrated stallion, owned by C. B. Alaire, and worth \$6,500, died at Peoria yesterday. His record was within a few seconds of the fastest trotter on the turf. He was sick only 15 minutes.

F. D. CALDWELL has the best grades of hard coal. 100-112

Boys' daniel waist at Shire's. a&wtf

EPICRUS REPUBLICAN. Hurrah for Huileston in our ward! From the many authentic expressions of our citizens over Mr. Hudleston's candidacy, there is little doubt of his election as alderman for this ward. The temperance people think they know how he stands on this question, and possessing all the other necessary qualifications will aid in his election.

YOUTHS FOR THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

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STETSON'S HATS, AT THE PARK HAT STORE. 100-112

PARTIES, weddings, &c., supplied with Ice Cream on short notice by Clift Brothers. 100-112

THE grand ball at the Guards' Armory Monday night will be given by the Decatur Trades Assembly and it will be largely attended. It will be the first after Easter hop.

DUNLAP'S HATS—H. F. EHRMAN & CO., SOLE AGENTS.

March 11-d&wtf

SOURDREN'S popular Bohemian cigars take the lead. Sold at a nickel each by all first-class dealers.

MACON COUNTY is entitled to 15 delegates to the state democratic convention which meets at Peoria June 2. This arrangement will give a place for about all the wheel-horses in the party—13 from Decatur, and 2 from the country.

HARD and SOFT COAL at Martin's. 100-112

SCOTT reserved seats at Curtis & Co.'s Monday morning for Joseph Cook's lecture on the "Seven Modern Wonders of the World."

THE remains of Mrs. Gately, who died at Bement, were brought to Decatur yesterday and buried in the Catholic cemetery. Mr. Bullard was the undertaker who conducted the burial.

SPRING shoes best quality lowest prices in the city at the large popular store of L. L. Ferriss & Co. 100-112

DECORATE your houses—buy your decorations at ABBEY & LOEWE.

UNTIL further notice I will sell sprouted potatoes at 20 cents a bushel. Respectfully, PETER ULLRICH. 100-112

CALL at Tullie & Purke's new store and order splendid stock feed. Delivered to any part of the city without extra charge.

EXCELLENT apples and choice fruits at Hanks & Patterson's, No. 143 South Water street.

JEANS PANTS at 50 cents a pair at B. STINE'S. 100-112

ORDER your hard coal from F. D. CALDWELL, P. O. Block. Telephone 256. Oct 17 d&wtf

POWERS & HAWORTH.

Have "busted" the pool on shoes. We will give away

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THE BEECHER LECTURE.

A Large Audience Greets the Plymouth Pastor—A Descriptive Chat.

An audience of magnificent size numerically filled the opera house last night to hear the lecture on "A Circuit of the Continent" delivered by the renowned Plymouth Church pastor, the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, now in the 71st year of his age. The lecture was gracefully presented to the intelligent audience by Dr. Josiah Brown, and the talk began at 8:15, closing at 10 o'clock. At the appearance of the aged divine on the dimly lit stage, there was a slight ripple of applause, which ceased as soon as he commenced talking in a plain conversational style. Mr. Beecher, who has a congregation of 2700 members at Plymouth Church, and has long been the most popular and most widely quoted of Protestant ministers, is a man of medium height, portly form, large, smooth, ruddy face, high forehead, and white hair worn long. His eyes are large and penetrating, and his manner is that of a dignified gentleman.

The lecture was entirely of a descriptive character. It was interspersed with many pleasanties which the audience was quick to appreciate. The talk was an interesting presentation of observations made by Mr. Beecher on the occasion of his trip of 18,600 miles across the continent, starting from Duluth, going over the Northern Pacific Railway to Washington Territory, thence by steamer to San Francisco, through California; thence to Salt Lake, through Colorado, east to Kansas City, through the Indian Territory to Texas, New Orleans, other points in the South, and home again. A greater part of the talk was given up to a faithful description of the great Northwest, of its vast resources, of what the Great Northern Pacific Railroad had done and would do for the new country, and of the grand possibilities of the new country and its sturdy people. He enlarged on the project of the gigantic enterprise of building the Northern Pacific, who lived before his time, and spoke highly of Henry Villard, who finished the work. Mr. Beecher, who has a son engaged in business at Seattle, in Washington Territory, pronounced that territory the Italy of the United States, a land most inviting to those wishing to attain wealth by steady work. There is no room in any part of the new country for idlers. All are workers, sturdy pioneers, and the returns are great in health and wealth. He would have homes established throughout the northwest, and they are springing up rapidly, for the family homes are God's greatest schools, and cannot be beaten or superseded.

Passing from California to Utah, thence through Colorado and Indian territory to Texas, Mr. Beecher dwelt at some length on his receptions throughout the south, which were uniformly enthusiastic, though before the war and during the struggle he with Wendell Phillips had lifted up his voice against the curse of slavery. He feared going south, but he was gratified and pleased to note that a change had taken place in the feelings of the people whose institution had been denounced so often. Large audiences greeted him everywhere. Here the speaker alluded to the alleged changed condition of social, business and political affairs in the south he had observed them, and as they had been represented to him. He said that the people had gone to work and were growing prosperous; that the people had given up their bitterness and were coming to be united and harmonious for the common good of the country; but he neglected to explain, if such unity really exists, why it is that the "solid south" always goes Democratic. Probably he did not make his tour through the south during election times. If he had perhaps some of his assertions about the united people would have been modified to some extent. Mr. Beecher believes in honest work everywhere and he thinks that northern people who are slowly drifting south will infuse new life into the southern states and make them prosperous by properly developing that section of the United States.

In closing his recital, Mr. Beecher returned to Utah, and briefly outlined the moral condition of the Mormon people, who now number 250,000. The Mormons are easily managed for they are uniformly ignorant, and believe implicitly in the doctrine of the church, which is that the elders have direct revelations from God, who communicate the same to their people. The Mormons pride themselves on their morality, and point to the alleged fact that only Gentiles in Utah are immoral and sinful. Mr. Beecher held that polygamy would die out of itself in time. He stated furthermore that the way to kill Mormonism is by educating the deluded and ignorant. Send missionaries into Utah, educate the masses, and the Mormon structure will surely fall. First do missionary work in the United States; educate the Indians; teach them to become farmers, abolish the reservation system, make the Indians work, educate the people, spread your contributions in missionary work at home, and then tackle China. The educational plan cannot but prove satisfactory. It will do away with many evils that now exist.

The concluding remarks of Mr. Beecher were very tender and impressive. He predicted that all the evils that now exist and threaten the country must pass away. New questions will come up. There are new problems to solve. We must meet them, and we must be prepared for the great questions.

The audience was very attentive, and but few left the hall disappointed. The interesting address, which included a vast amount of general information, was well arranged and presented in an entertaining manner.

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